

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims, without prejudice.

Claims 1-23 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 24-47 have been added and are pending.

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent application and to add an Abstract of the Disclosure.

The attached paper and computer-readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same. No new matter has been added.

Return of an initialed copy of the attached PTO 1449 Form is requested.

Acceptance of the attached formal drawings is requested.

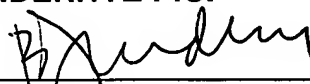
Acknowledgement of receipt of the priority document from the IB is requested.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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